

HICKEY CONFESSES; TELLS HOW HE SLEW TWO CHILDREN

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brought the detective from New York. He worked around Buffalo in 1902, and several times in subsequent years drifted into this city. In the fall of 1911 he appeared in Lackawanna, where he went to work for the Hoboken, Brown and Company.

In Lackawanna Hickey was often in the company of little boys, but no suspicion was aroused. He was not at work on Oct. 12, 1911, and spent part of the day in McGovern's saloon in Ridge road, Lackawanna.

GAVE BOY A PENNY AND ENTICED HIM TO BARN.

The Josephs boy, child of a Syrian merchant of Lackawanna, went home from school at 4 o'clock on the afternoon of Oct. 12, left his books and ran out to play. Half an hour later he bought a penny's worth of candy in a store next to McGovern's saloon. Hickey says he gave the boy the penny for the candy and when the little fellow left the candy store enticed him to a barn in the rear of McGovern's place, where he killed him. The body of the boy was thrown into a cesspool and Hickey went about his business.

The disappearance of the Josephs boy created such a sensation in Erie County and western New York generally that Hickey became alarmed and fled from Lackawanna on Oct. 15. He came to Buffalo and lost himself in the slums. On Oct. 30 Chief of Police Gilson received an anonymous letter, mailed in Buffalo, relating the details of the murder of the Josephs boy and stating that the body could be found in a cesspool back of McGovern's saloon. The directions were indefinite and policemen decided to make a search failed to find the corpse.

Although police officers and private detectives worked for months on the disappearance of the Josephs boy nothing was done toward solving the mystery until September of this year when Chief Gilson began to receive anonymous letters and post cards. They were all in the same handwriting. On Nov. 3 a post card, mailed in Boston, carried minute directions as to how to find the body of little Josephs and the body was found.

POSTCARDS LED TO THE ARREST OF HICKEY.

Facsimiles of the letters and post cards were printed in the newspapers. They attracted the attention of a foreman at the Lackawanna Coke Ovens who had an old letter written by Hickey which he turned over to the police. There was no doubt that Hickey had penned the postcards, it was shown, when they were compared with the letter.

Then John Hickey of Lackawanna, an acquaintance of Hickey, related to the police that he had just received a postcard relating to a patent, mailed at Whitings, N. J., and signed by Hickey. The postcard, compared with the anonymous communications, showed such a striking similarity in penmanship that orders were wired to the New Jersey authorities to place Hickey under arrest. He was promptly indicted here and Gilson and Dudley went after him.

"Drink, drink, that's what caused my terrible downfall," said Hickey, in his confession. "I've stood it as long as I could, but I've got to confess. Oh, the hell my life has been since that time, when late in the afternoon of Oct. 12 I lured that little Syrian lad to his awful death."

"Yes, I wrote the post cards. I wrote them mostly when I was drunk. I drank to try and get away from my remorse, and for a time it seemed that I would forget it. But in these spells I used to become conscience stricken, though in a different manner, and write the cards, telling of my state of mind. I WENT NEARLY CRAZY WITH REMORSE, HE SAYS.

"I experienced the most poignant pangs of remorse after I had killed the little New York newsboy, but when I strangled the little Josephs lad, while in a state of intoxication, I went nearly crazy with remorse."

"I was near to suicide many times, but some how I always clung to life with a sort of hope that some time, some where, I would be able to forget, but all to no purpose."

"Now I am ready to take the consequences of my terrible acts. I am ready to pay the penalty which society will demand."

BANK CASHIER A SUICIDE.

Examiners Working on Books

When Kentucky Man Ends Life.

PADUCAH, Ky., Nov. 28.—Emmett S. Bagby, assistant cashier of the City National Bank of Paducah, who shot and killed himself in the basement of the bank here to-day. Officials of the bank refused to make a statement, but it is known that two examiners are working on the institution's books.

PROSECUTOR RIPS HYDE'S DEFENSE; SAYS HE'S GUILTY

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than the scum of the earth. Why, if that man brought his wife here and forced her to commit perjury he would go to her, and she would loathe him, for she would feel deep in her heart, that he owed his liberty to her deliberate perjury. If he brought his son here and forced him to commit perjury he could never look that boy in the face again.

"Why, gentlemen of the jury, if you believe Hyde so vile as that, convict him without leaving that box. He is too vile to be set free among his fellows."

Assistant District Attorney Moss made many objections to the argument.

HYDE'S LAWYER IN A TILT WITH COURT.

"Great Scott," shouted Mr. Steuer, "can't I argue facts?"

"Halt!" interrupted Justice Goff. "You must apologize to the court for that remark."

"I beg your Honor's pardon," said Mr. Steuer, but he continued attacking the Assistant District Attorney.

Mr. Steuer made what Hyde believed was a telling point when he said at the time Robin swore he was forced to make the loan, Hyde, as City Chamberlain, had \$20,000.00 at his command and was empowered to deposit \$50,000 more in the Carnegie Trust Company.

"And yet," he sneered, "Robin swore Hyde actually forced the Northern Bank to loan \$150,000 to the Carnegie Trust Company. Do you believe that?"

Why wouldn't Hyde simply have increased the city's deposits by \$150,000 and thus ended the matter?"

"If," said the lawyer, "Hyde had said months ago he did ask Robin to loan \$150,000 to the Carnegie Trust Company and that immediately thereafter he, as City Chamberlain, did increase the city deposits in the Northern Bank, there could have been no crime even alleged. He would never even have been indicted had he lied and corroborated Robin."

"And they tell you Hyde, through his secretary, borrowed \$150,000 from the Carnegie Trust Company. What kind of a briber, in Hyde's position, would have had to pay six per cent. interest, in advance for such a loan? What greater tribute to his honesty can there be than that he actually borrowed that money, gave his note for it, and paid interest on it? Had he been a briber he never would have had to give a note, pay interest or repay the loan."

MOSS ATTACKS ALIENISTS IN ADDRESS TO JURY.

Assistant District Attorney Moss began his closing argument when court resumed after the noonday recess. He discussed the loan of \$150,000 by the Northern Bank to the Carnegie Trust Company, and insisted it was made on account of Hyde's threats to withdraw city funds from Robin's bank.

"The defense's argument," to this charge," said Mr. Moss, "are four in number: First, it is alleged that Mr. Robin is insane and that therefore his testimony cannot be accepted; second,

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Mr. Hyde denies that he had any conversation with Mr. Robin at all, excepting a few words concerning Mr. Hyde's trip abroad; third, an alibi that instead of being in his office talking with Mr. Robin he was at home in Robin's dining room; fourth, that his reputation is so good as to raise the inference that the charge against him is untrue.

Mr. Moss first took up the testimony of the alibi that Robin is insane.

He attacked Dr. Austin Flint as an unqualified opinionated man, whose mind has been in one groove for a great many years. He also attacked the testimony of other alibiists and contended that Robin was sane.

SAYS HYDE'S ALIBI IS FULL OF HOLES.

"As to the defendant's testimony of an alibi," said Mr. Moss, "it rests upon the testimony of Mrs. Hyde and Master Hyde and of two clerks in Mr. Hyde's office, Mr. and Mrs. Campbell. We have no testimony in the alibi from any chauffeur of Mr. Hyde's, who may have driven him from his office to Robin's; we have no testimony from Cummins or Reichmann, who were with Robin and Hyde in Hyde's law office."

"This alibi is full of holes, and with all the need of patching up these holes we hear nothing from a chauffeur, nor from Cummins, nor from Reichmann, and what is most remarkable, we do not get from anybody on the side of the defendant any accounting for the loan which was made by Mr. Robin's bank to the Carnegie Trust Company under the peculiar circumstances, in their peculiar way, at the critical time that appears in this case, without contradiction."

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Taft Denies Agreement With Russia to Cover Treaty Soon to Expire.

Treatment of American Jews Travelling in Czar's Domain Will Be Left for Wilson to Settle.

WASHINGTON, Nov. 28.—The Taft Administration, it was made known today, does not intend to make any agreement or to enter into a modus vivendi to suspend the treaty with Russia, which expires Jan. 1. The question of a new treaty and the subject of the treatment of American Jews travelling in Russia, which raised such a storm all over the United States last spring, will be one of the heritages that President Taft will leave to Mr. Wilson.

Although there have been conflicting reports as to the administration's plans toward Russia, a letter from the President to Simon Wolf, Washington representative of the United Hebrew Congregation, and the order of Y. N. B. R. H. just made public, clearly indicated the President's intention of allowing his successor to settle this question. President Taft's letter to Mr. Wolf read as follows:

"I have your letter of Nov. 22, in which you refer to the report that we are engaged in making a temporary agreement with Russia, to take the place of the agreement which we have abrogated. I beg to assure you that we expect to make no agreement of this kind or of any kind. What we have been doing is examining the existing treaties and statutes and international law applicable to a situation, like that

which will occur after our treaty with Russia of 1892 shall cease to be. We do not expect to change, by any agreement, or so-called modus vivendi, the status quo, which the abrogation of the treaty will leave on Jan. 1 by its ceasing to have effect."

FRANCE'S WAR FORCE CUT BY BIRTH RATE DECREASE.

PARIS, Nov. 28.—The number of recruits available for the French army has been reduced from 238,000 in 1906 to 205,000 in 1911 owing to the diminution of the birth rate in France, according to Joseph Relanch, who made this startling assertion in the course of a debate in the Chamber of Deputies to-day on the bill relating to infantry enrollment.

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